

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and My God". (St. John 20:28)



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Happy Independence Day



Proud to be an Indian

Invitation to Open seminar on **INCOME AND WEALTH MANAGEMENT**

Beloved Church members

This is to inform that we are conducting an open seminar on the topic "Income and Wealth Management" on **2nd August 2019, Friday**.

Kindly attend.

Note : On the same day of seminar (2nd August) after the church service, we will have a **breakfast sale** also.

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6	ചൊവ്വ	മറുരുപ പെരുന്നാൾ
11	ഞായർ	പെന്തികുസ്തിക്കു ശേഷം 9-ാം ഞായർ
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From the Vicar's Desk



Dear beloved in Christ,

When do we say a commodity is good? While the intention of its production gets fulfilled we can say that the commodity is good. When a clock shows the right time we say it is a good clock.

The main purpose of a clock is to show the exact timings and the one which is not doing it is worthy to be relegated as a show piece only; a time-piece getting downgraded as a show piece!

What is the purpose of the creation of human beings? What is God's intention about him/her on earth? Is the creator's intention fulfilled by the created? If only the answer to this question is found out, we will be able to focus on the purpose of our life. Can we say a human being has achieved the purpose of his life just because he has amassed wealth, attained positions or led a luxurious life? Are these enough for a life to be qualified as a purposeful life?

One of the masterpieces of Michael Angelo is "Piyatho". He had an intention in creating that sculpture. He continued to work on it relentlessly until his intention was achieved and final goal attained. As a result, generations still regard Michael Angelo as a master and his classic as master piece.

Doing the will of God is the fulfilment of human beings. God has a goal for each creation. The creation secures its fullness by reaching the goal of the creator. All creations are expected to glorify the creator God. How do we glorify God? Christ answered this question in simple language. "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven". Through our good deeds we glorify God.

The most beautiful moments in our life are the moments we spend with God. Spending time with God is not only spending time in the church, the services we do for the needy out of divine love is also considered as time spent with God. As Jesus

Christ once said "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." This is the real commitment out of divine love. It involves helping others without selfishness, self-interest, and profit motives, thereby adding sweetness all around.

In the Church Calendar, August 01st to 15th is celebrated as "15 days Lent". This is also known as the "Feasts of the Saints for 15 days". Lents are observed with special time for meditation and devotion. Lents focus on the different aspects of the life of Christ in this world. It is the collective celebration of the church. The Lent is an affirmation of eternal life over this material life. Lent is accompanied by fasting.

We are meditating on various themes in August. Mission from every one to everywhere- Mission Sunday on 4th, Holy Baptism: Born from above is on Sunday 11th, Reformation Day, Authority of the word of God on Sunday 18th and on 25th Sunday Holy Qurbana : Celebration of Salvation. May these meditations help each one of us to rebuild or reconstruct our spiritual and ecclesiastical life.

During the months of June, July and early part of August many of our parish members have been travelling to Kerala on vacation. Praying for their safe and happy return.

The cost of publishing the Messenger is 45 KD per month but many copies are left in the church without being read by many members. Kindly honour the efforts behind its publication by possessing a copy and reading it. I specially call up on the prayer group secretaries and office-bearers to take initiative to distribute the Messenger among our parish members.

May our good God help all of us to lead a worthy and meaningful Christian life in the present world.

Yours in His service

Rev. Jiji Mathew

Organizations - Schedules at St. Thomas Centre

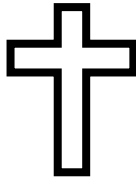
Sunday School	Friday 2.00 to 4. 30 pm	Yuvajana Sakhyam	1st Friday and 3rd week of Monday cottage prayer
Junior Choir	Thursdays 6.00 to 7.30 pm	Sevika Sanghom	Saturdays 5.15 pm
Senior Choir	Thursdays 7.30 to 9.30 pm	Edavaka Mission	Saturdays 7.00 pm

Signs and Symbols of Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church

Signs and symbols are the identity of the Faith Community and express vividly their spirituality. They always carry the marks of our cultural identity. So they have an impact on the ordering of the community. The signs and symbols relating to worship are dealt with in that section. Here we can study some of the signs and symbols that we are using in our ecclesiastical life.

1. Cross

Cross is the most important symbol of the Christian Church which is a sign to demonstrate the Christian presence. For a believer, it symbolizes the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus cross has a central place in Christian worship. It is a 'Seal'. A simple wooden cross is placed on the THRONOS at the time of church dedication. In the Mar Thoma tradition, it is not a 'crucifix', with the image of Christ on it. The 'plain' cross reminds us of the 'resurrected Christ', the one who overcome death and now living. It can be called as the "Easter Cross". Cross is not an object of worship, but as a constant reminder of the living and active presence of Christ in our lives and in our living world. In worship the Priest blesses the people with the sign of Cross. Thus church as a faith community celebrates the victory won by Jesus and accepts the 'costly' grace that we have been given through his passion and death on the cross. People respond with the sign of the cross in adoration and dedication for the great freedom (liberation) that is given and the grace (power of God) that is imparted.



2. The Emblem "Lighted to Lighten"

The emblem of the Mar Thoma church is significant. It is set in a shield-shaped boundary. It contains four images: a) the cross b) a lotus c) the Ashoka chakra and d) a hand lamp.

These images are very simple and communicate the ethos and pathos of the church; "Lighted to Lighten" is a gift of the Late Juhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan. It says that we are lightened by God to light others. In 1961, New Delhi assembly of the World Council of Churches had the theme "Jesus Christ is the Light of the world." Juhanon Metropolitan was one of its president. It is interesting and edifying to note that Metropolitan coined and crafted the emblem after this ecumenical endeavour. Only the enlightened one can enlighten others. Only a burning lamp can share its fire to another one to ignite it. The Church is called out to be a 'missionary church', witnessing the power of the Gospel to all creation.



3. Kai Muthu

It is a tradition that when we meet a Bishop, the believers kiss the hands. It is called 'Kai muthu'. It is believed that the Episcopa or a Bishop is appointed from above and when the believer kisses the hand of a Bishop, he/she is kissing the hand of those who remain in relationship with Jesus. It is a beautiful eastern tradition that preserves the dignity and decorum of the office. It symbolizes the acceptance of the leadership of the Bishops and it is an expression of love and respect for them. It is also sign of God's blessing.

The Mar Thoma church as an indigenous, reformed, eastern, episcopal, democratic and ecumenical church and it has to have a disciplined, meaningful and relevant presence. The church is in this world but it has different in order to show the world the values and demands of the Kingdom of God in a relevant manner.

Homeland Fellowship of Kuwait St. Thomas Marthoma Parish



Homeland Fellowship of Kuwait St. Thomas Marthoma Parish was held at TMM Center, Manganam, Kottayam on 26th July 2019.

The fellowship was attended by about eighty participants, a mix of present and ex-members of the parish. The day offered a most memorable experience for the attendees, wherein they reminisced the fellowship as St. Thomas Family. It was a great occasion for networking and exchange of views.

Rev. V. M. Mathew delivered the main message and the program was presided over by our Ex-Vicar Rev. Bobby Mathew.

During the function the Parish Choir, as part of its social responsibility initiative donated a Yamaha electronic piano to St. Luke's Mar Thoma Church, Kalathippady - Kottayam. The Piano was received by Vicar Rev. Joseph Oommen from Bobby Achen.

Mr. Abraham Varghese and Mr. Sajimon M. Chandy, Homeland Fellowship conveners coordinated the program activities.

The fellowship was concluded with prayer & benediction, followed by love feast (lunch) for all participants.

Farewell



Mr. Achankunju K.M. & Mrs. Shali Achankunju (Family No 88), Hermon Prayer Group, are leaving Kuwait. We express our gratitude for the fellowship and support rendered to our church and prayer group during their stay in Kuwait. Pray for God's blessings on them in their onward journey.

Visitor

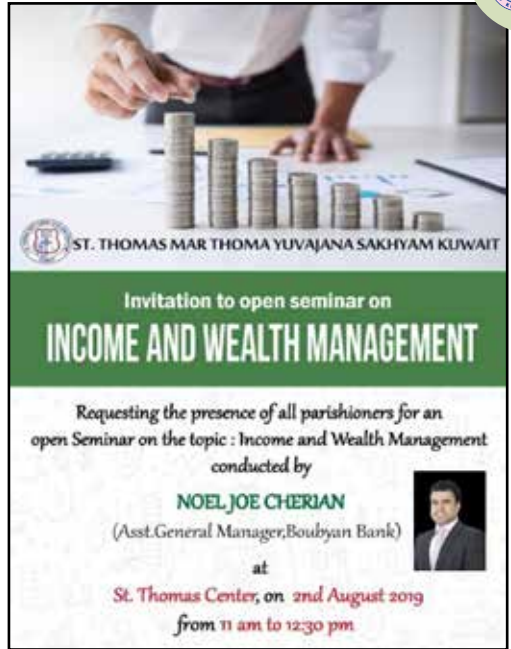


We extend a warm welcome to Rev Shibu K., Vicar - St. James Marthoma Church - Kuwait on 19th July 2019

Warm Welcome Kochamma



St. Thomas Family extends a warm welcome to Bincy Kochamma & Kids (Abel & Joel) when they arrived in Kuwait Airport T4



ST. THOMAS MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM KUWAIT

Invitation to open seminar on
INCOME AND WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Requesting the presence of all parishioners for an open Seminar on the topic : Income and Wealth Management conducted by

NOEL JOE CHERIAN
(Asst.General Manager,Boubyan Bank)

at
St. Thomas Center, on: 2nd August 2019
from 11 am to 12:30 pm

Congratulation

St. Thomas family congratulate all the winners and participants from our parish, who attended the literary competition conducted by Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam for all the members of Mar Thoma churches in GCC. Our following parish members were awarded for their literary contributions. Nissy Sara George (1st prize, Essay Writing, English) Kevin Sajan Thazhel (2nd Prize, Short Story, English) Jonina Miriam Abraham (2nd Prize, Poetry, English)



Nissy Sara George
(1st prize, Essay Writing, English)



Jonina Miriam Abraham
(2nd Prize, Poetry English)



Kevin Sajan Thazhel
(2nd Prize, Short Story, English)



BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	ALEXANDER VAIDYAN P. K.	00601	EPHRAIM
1	ALICE KURIAN (DR.)	01532	GETHSEMANE
1	ALEENA RACHEL TIJU	03253	MIZPAH
1	JOSHUA ABRAHAM JACOB	04164	HERMON
1	EMILY ANN RENGIT	04523	JERUSALEM
2	EVELYN SARA SUNLEY	01773	ARARAT
2	SUMI ANTAONY	05042	MIZPAH
2	ANISH CHACKO K.	05491	HERMON
3	SUSAN JOHN MATHEW	00242	EMMAUS
3	TIA ANILA SARI SANJAY	02463	MIZPAH
4	REBEKAH ELIZABETH SUNIL	00814	MAHANAIM
4	MARIAMMA OOMMEN	01912	EPHRAIM
4	MATHEW PARAPPATTU	02003	OLIVET
4	SHINU ABRAHAM VARGHESE	04181	JERUSALEM
4	AUJU THOMAS	05812	JERUSALEM
5	MATHEW ABRAHAM	00281	OLIVET
5	ANU ALICE ANDREWS	00402	OLIVET
5	RACHEL ALEXANDER	00602	EPHRAIM
5	THOMAS VARGHESE K.	03741	OLIVET
5	PRIYA SAIRA ABRAHAM	04502	EMMAUS
5	JOEL THARAKAN JACOB	05433	JERUSALEM
7	SUNLEY P. VARGHESE	01771	ARARAT
8	CHERIYAN T. CHERIYAN	02931	MIZPAH
9	SARAH PHILIP	00192	EDEN
9	SHEENA ELIZABETH MATHEW	01792	JERUSALEM
10	TIJO JOHN ABRAHAM	05321	MIZPAH
10	JASMINE ANNIE JACOB	05831	GIHON
11	ANDREA ANN ABRAHAM	01913	EPHRAIM
11	ALAN VARUGHESE ABRAHAM	01914	EPHRAIM
11	KRISTEF VARKEY CHACKO	03504	EPHRAIM
11	JEWEL ELSA JERRY	03993	JERUSALEM
12	JERIN ANIL	00904	EDEN
13	ANOOP K. ALEX	02911	ARARAT
14	RIYA MEERA KURIAN	03022	JERUSALEM
14	JUJIN CHERIAN JOSE	04533	HERMON
15	NISSY SARA GEORGE	00894	MIZPAH
15	ALVIN ROY JOHN	01114	HERMON
15	DENNY JACOB ALEXANDER	01304	MIZPAH
15	EZEKIIYA AUSTIN MATHEWS	04835	ARARAT
16	SAMSON MANOJ	00593	MIZPAH
16	ABRAHAM MATHEW	01543	GIHON
16	JOBY GEORGE CHERIAN	03763	EPHRAIM

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
17	SHERIN VARGHESE	01154	JERUSALEM
17	KESIA ANN JAMES	03353	ARARAT
18	GLYN RACHEL GEORGE	01994	MIZPAH
18	GEORGE MATHEW. K	03151	EPHRAIM
19	ANGELA SUSAN ALEX	01333	JERUSALEM
19	SEBINA THOMAS	01733	EDEN
19	ELIZABETH ZACHARIAH	02802	JERUSALEM
20	JOHN MATHEW	00241	EMMAUS
20	SHIBU CHERIAN	00411	HERMON
20	NANCY WILSON	04112	GETHSEMANE
20	SUBY M. VARGHESE	04162	HERMON
21	FINN ANOOP	02914	ARARAT
21	NORA P. DEEPU	03723	ARARAT
21	GIBI SKARIA	03901	EPHRAIM
22	ANISH GEORGE	00961	EDEN
22	VILAS VARGHESE	03341	MAHANAIM
22	ALLAN VINCE VARGHESE	04113	GETHSEMANE
22	MIDHU ABRAHAM	05152	OLIVET
23	MATHEW P. JACOB	02901	OLIVET
23	MIJI TITUS	05451	JERUSALEM
24	BEN GEORGE THOMAS	03333	ARARAT
24	JOE ABRAHAM ALEX	05524	GIHON
24	JOE PHILIP	05861	EMMAUS
25	SAM GEORGE	00211	OLIVET
25	ABHILASH A. ABRAHAM	01641	CANAAN
25	KRIS JAMES	03354	ARARAT
25	ABEL ZACHARIAH TINKU	03984	MAHANAIM
26	MANU ABRAHAM C. JOHN	01751	EMMAUS
26	SUSAN KOSHY	03673	ARARAT
27	REEVES THOMAS GEORGE	00625	ARARAT
27	SIBU THOMAS	00835	EMMAUS
28	ANI ISNARENI SANJAY	02462	MIZPAH
28	BIJIYA BABU	05712	EPHRAIM
30	LINCY SOSA VARGHESE	01132	GIHON
30	RIYA MARIA SAM	04764	HERMON
30	NINAN VARGHESE VAIDYAN	05841	EPHRAIM
31	SHINY N SAM	03652	GETHSEMANE
31	BLESSON DANIEL PHILIP	04091	MAHANAIM
31	SANTHOSH JOHN VARUGHESE	04141	EMMAUS
31	JOSEPH ABRAHAM EAPEN	04991	HERMON

*Thanking God Almighty for His mercy.
May Lord God Bless you abundantly.*

Happy Birthday

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
3	JACOB P. JABBU KOSHY & RACHEL JACOB	00318	MAHANAIM
3	SIMMY VARGHESE & SOJI JOHN	00219	OLIVET
4	MANOJ K. VARGHESE & RAKHEE ELIZABETH MATHEW	00347	ARARAT
4	BYJU P. MATHEWS & LENA MARIUM THOMAS	00200	OLIVET
4	SUNLEY P. VARGHESE & JULIE ELSA JACOB	00177	ARARAT
7	REV. JUJI MATHEW & BINCILY K. IDICULLA	00001	CANAAN
9	THOMAS MATHEW & SHEEJA SUSAN THOMAS	00404	CANAAN
9	JOBY C. GEORGE & BINCILY K. IDICULLA	00352	ARARAT
10	CHACKO PHILIP & SHEENA KOSHY	00156	ARARAT
12	MATHEW P. JACOB & NIMMY ELIZABETH KOSHY	00290	OLIVET
13	MATHEW VARGHESE & GIGI OOMMEN	00229	JERUSALEM
14	JOSE PALATHINKAL JOY & BEENA ANNIES JOSE	00453	HERMON
14	FEBY MANI MATHEW & CICAL GEO	00058	HERMON
16	THOMAS C. GEORGE & LALIAMMA THOMAS	00333	ARARAT
16	SUNIL C. JOSE & ANCEY ANIYAN	00370	JERUSALEM
17	REJIMON P VARGHESE & RIXY REJIMON	00565	ARARAT
17	MATHEW CHERIAN & DEEPTI SUSAN VARGHESE	00533	MAHANAIM
18	JEEVAN RAJ & SUBY BABU	00535	MIZPAH
18	CHERIYAN MATHEW & ANU CHERIYAN	00528	CANAAN
18	BIJESH THOMAS & ROSHIN THOMAS	00559	MAHANAIM
18	MATHEW CHERIAN & SHEBYMOL RAJU	00443	MIZPAH
19	RENGIT GEORGE (DR.) & JOLLY RENJIT (DR.)	00452	JERUSALEM
19	ANISH CHACKO K. & RIYA THANKAM NINAN	00549	HERMON
19	CHERIYAN T. CHERIYAN & SUNITHA ANNIE CHERIAN	00293	MIZPAH
20	RAJAN DANIEL N. & SUSY RAJAN	00033	CANAAN
21	GEORGE CHERIAN K. & SUJA GEORGE CHERIAN	00376	EPHRAIM
21	BINU THOMAS KUREEKATTIL & BIJINU K. BINU	00238	OLIVET
21	NIKHIL MATHEW THOMAS & RINCY MIRIAM ABRAHAM	00514	JERUSALEM
22	MARIAMMA JOHN & MADATHILPARAMPIL VARGHESE JOHN	00432	GETHESEMANE
23	JOMON M.BABY & SARA AYIEN THOMAS	00593	OLIVET
24	MATHEWS KOSHY & SICY MATHEW	00050	CANAAN
24	VIVI VARGHESE & JILSA V. VARGHESE	00368	EPHRAIM
24	CHERIYAN MATHEW & GRACE CHERIAN	00236	MAHANAIM
26	SAM MATHEWS & MOLLY SAM	00402	EPHRAIM
26	SATISH MATHEW KAITHOTTA & JASMINE SATISH	00226	OLIVET
26	JOHN KURUVILLA & SHINTA ANN JOHN	00474	CANAAN
29	MATHEW JOHN & SHERLY MATHEW	00354	EPHRAIM
30	ARUN ZACHARIAH & RAJI SUSAN JOY	00477	EDEN
30	NISHAD THOMAS & EMY NISHAD	00497	HERMON

Thanking God Almighty for His mercy. May Lord God Bless you abundantly.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

"Come unto Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

CONDOLENCE ON THE SAD DEMISE OF:

- † Mrs. Mary Jacob (91) Vinod Bhavan, Varikkadu, Thiruvalla, Mother of Mrs. Sarah Philip and Mother-in-Law of Philip C. M. (Jose) (Family #019 Eden)
- † Mrs. Aleyamma John (68) Binu Bhavan, Poonkulini (PO) Kollam Dist Mother of Mr. Mathew John (Family # 354 Ephraim)

May Lord God Almighty give strength to the family to bear the grief.

St. Thomas family express our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family members on the sad demise of their beloved ones. May Lord strengthen and comfort them.

TEENS ON MOVE (TOM)



Showing how you can contribute to reduce waste, especially the harmful plastic waste.

NEW MEMBERS



SIJO KURUVILLA

Family # : 0596
Prayer Group : HERMON
Mobile # : 50713303
Mother Parish : St John's MTC
Pattathanam



MANISH T. KOSHY & FAMILY

Family # : 0598
Prayer Group : Mahanaim
Mobile # : 65606125
Mother Parish : St Thomas MTC
Kaithakuzhy



JINCE VARGHESE & FAMILY

Family # : 0597
Prayer Group : Olivet
Mobile # : 66223713
Mother Parish : Marthoma Church
Kuriannor



GINU JACOB & FAMILY

Family # : 0599
Prayer Group : Cannan
Mobile # : 66792642
Mother Parish : Bethel MTC
Mundakayam

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2019

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1st LESSON	2nd LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY:
2 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Mission from Everyone to Everywhere Mission Sunday	HOLY QURBANA	1 Kings. 17:1-15	Jude 1:17-25	Gal. 2:1-10	Matt. 22:1-14	Hermion PG
6 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP		HOLY QURBANA					Gethsemane PG
9 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Holy Baptism: Born from Above	PARSYARADHANA & FASTING PRAYER	Gen. 8:1-14	Col 3:1-11	1 Pet 3:16-22	John 3:1-8	Jerusalem PG & Olivet PG
13 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP		HOLY QURBANA					Avareth PG
16 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	End of Fifteen Day's Lent, Independence Day - People's participation in Nation Building	HOLY QURBANA	Exod. 18:13-27	Acts. 15:22-29	Gal. 5:1-6	Luke 20:20-25	Canaan PG
20 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP	Reformation Day Authority of the Word of God	HOLY QURBANA	Exod. 7:1-7	2 Tim. 3:10-17	Gal. 1:1-6	Matt. 5:17-20	Mizpah PG
23 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Holy Qurbana: Celebration of Salvation	HOLY QURBANA	Exod 12:1-14	1 Cor 11:23-33	1 Cor 10:15-17	Luke 22:7-20	Gihon PG
27 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP		HOLY QURBANA					Emmaus PG
30 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Teachers: To be filled with Divine Wisdom (Education day)	HOLY QURBANA	Neh. 8:1-8	Acts. 18:24-28	James 3:13-18	Luke 4:16-22	Will be Assigned

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